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Listing of Claims:

1. - 7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) A box level comprising:

- an elongate body having a first wall and a second wall extending between opposite ends, the walls forming opposed first and second face planes and defining vial openings, a pair of spaced hand-hold openings and a hang opening at each end;
- plumb vials secured in the vial openings;
- hand-holds secured in the hand-hold openings and hang liners secured in the hang openings, the hand-holds and hang liners having outer edges together defining first and second parallel application planes just beyond the first and second face planes, respectively, the hand-holds and hang liners each having an interior surface defining a first outer flange, a first inner flange, a second outer flange, and a second inner flange, the first outer and inner flanges forming a first channel for receiving the first wall, the second outer and inner flanges forming a second channel for receiving the second wall; thereby providing a pair of accurate application surfaces which accommodate work surfaces of varying dimension.

9. (previously presented) The box level of claim 8 wherein the hang liners and the hand-holds are of rubber-like material.

10. (previously presented) The box level of claim 8 wherein each of the hang liners is an integral piece extending from the first application plane to the second application plane, thereby firmly holding the hang liner in place such that it is not dislodged from engagement with the elongate body.

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11. (previously presented) The box level of claim 10 wherein the elongate body is a metal extrusion.

12. (previously presented) The box level of claim 10 wherein the hang liners and the hand-holds are of rubber-like material.

13. (previously presented) The box level of claim 10 wherein each hang liner has a hook-engagement groove formed therein.

14. (canceled)

15. (new) A box level comprising:

- an elongate body having a first wall and a second wall extending between opposite ends, the walls forming opposed first and second face planes and defining vial openings, a hang opening at each end;
- plumb vials secured in the vial openings;
- hang liners secured in the hang openings, the hang liners having outer edges together defining first and second hang liner planes just beyond the first and second face planes, respectively, the hang liners each having an interior surface defining a first outer flange, a first inner flange, a second outer flange, and a second inner flange, the first outer and inner flanges forming a first channel for receiving the first wall, the second outer and inner flanges forming a second channel for receiving the second wall.

16. (new) The box level of claim 15 wherein the hang liners are of rubber-like material.

17. (new) The box level of claim 15 wherein each of the hang liners is an integral piece extending from the first hang liner plane to the second hang liner plane, thereby firmly holding the hang liner in place such that it is not dislodged from engagement with the elongate body.

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18. (new) The box level of claim 17 wherein the elongate body is a metal extrusion.
19. (new) The box level of claim 17 wherein the hang liners are of rubber-like material.
20. (new) The box level of claim 15 wherein each hang liner has a hook-engagement groove formed therein.
21. (new) The box level of claim 20 wherein the hang liners are of rubber-like material.
22. (new) The box level of claim 15 further including at least one hand-hold opening defined by the walls of the elongate body; a hand-hold secured in the hand-hold opening, the hand-hold having outer edges together defining first and second hand-hold planes just beyond the first and second face planes, respectively.
23. (new) The box level of claim 22 wherein the first and second hang liner planes are coplanar the first and second hand-hold planes respectively.
24. (new) The box level of claim 23 wherein the hand-holds and hang liners are of rubber-like material.

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25. (new) A box level comprising:

- an elongate body having a first wall and a second wall extending between opposite ends, the walls forming opposed first and second face planes and defining vial openings, at least one hand-hold opening;
- plumb vials secured in the vial openings;
- a hand-hold secured in the hand-hold opening, the hand-hold having outer edges defining first and second hand hold-planes just beyond the first and second face planes, respectively, the hand-hold having an interior surface defining a first outer flange, a first inner flange, a second outer flange, and a second inner flange, the first outer and inner flanges forming a first channel for receiving the first wall, the second outer and inner flanges forming a second channel for receiving the second wall.

26. (new) The box level of claim 25 wherein the hand-hold is of rubber-like material.

27. (new) The box level of claim 26 wherein the elongate body is a metal extrusion.